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SUBJECT: 8TH CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE
- ORGANIZATION, TUNIS, MAY 18-23

REFS: (A) USNATO 3081, (B) STATE 50651

1. THE TURKISH DELEGATION HAS INFORMED POLADS THAT AN
OFFICIAL FROM TURKISH EMBASSY IN TUNIS ATTENDED
MAY 18-23 CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE
ORGANIZATION (REF A) AS AN OBSERVER. ACCORDING TO
TURKISH OBSERVER, THE DISCUSSION AT THE CONFERENCE
FOCUSED ON A SERIOUS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITHOUT
IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL OVERTONES, AND THE CONFERENCE
WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE ELABORATION OF COMMON PRINCIPLES
AND TEXTS CONCERNING LEGISLATION, ORGANIZATION, PLANNING
AND PRACTICE IN THE CIVIL DEFENSE FIELD. THE TURKISH
OBSERVER ALSO REPORTED THAT THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY
DELEGATIONS FROM 25 MEMBER STATES, OBSERVERS FROM 15
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, ITALY, UK, FRANCE, AUSTRIA,
SWITZERLAND AND THE VATICAN, BUT THAT NO EASTERN EUROPEAN
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STATES WERE REPRESENTED.

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2. THE TURKISH DELEGATION HAS ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON THE
CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS FROM OTHER ALLIED COUNTRIES WHO
SENT OBSERVERS.

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3. UK REP RESPONDED IN POLADS THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO

OFFICIAL UK OBSERVER AT CONFERENCE, BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE
THAT PRIVATE BRITISH INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED.

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4. REF B INDICATED US WOULD NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO
CONFERENCE, AND WE PRESUME THAT ANY US REPRESENTATION
WOULD HAVE BEEN BY NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS IN ORDER TO REPLY TO
TURKS. GLITMAN

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